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TAGS: SENV, CA
SUBJECT: ATIKOKAN STUDY

1. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER (ANNE PARK, USA BUREAU) HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING INFORMATION ON NEW EPA STUDY OF POSSIBLE TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS OF PROPOSED POWER PLANT AT ATIKOKAN, ONTARIO. POSSIBILITY OF A GOC REQUEST TO USG FOR AUTHORIZATION TO NOMINATE A CANADIAN OBSERVER TO STUDY ALSO RAISED. THESE POINTS WERE MADE IN A "NON-PAPER" GIVEN TO EMBOFF. PARK STRESSED THAT HER APPROACH WITH REGARD TO THE STUDY WAS STRICTLY INFORMAL AND THAT THE PAPER HAD NO OFFICIAL STATUS.

2. TEXT OF INFORMAL PAPER IS AS FOLLOWS: WE HAD BEEN AWARE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS FROM NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS THAT THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WAS PLANNING A NEW STUDY ON ATIKOKAN. WE LEARNED LAST WEEK, THROUGH INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO CANADIAN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP IN MADISON, WISC., THAT EPA HAS APPARENTLY BEGUN THE STUDY. FROM THE INFORMATION
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SUPPLIED WHEN THESE INVITATIONS WERE MADE, IT APPEARS THAT THE STUDY, FOR WHICH THE WORKSHOP WAS TO MAKE PREPARATIONS, WILL IN FACT BE AN INTENSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE RE-EVALUATION OF THE POSSIBLE TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS OF THE ATIKOKAN PROJECT.

3. SINCE INFORMATION EXCHANGES AND COORDINATED STUDIES

OF POSSIBLE TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS CARRIED OUT TO DATE HAVE
ALL BEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, WE
WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE
US WITH INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE, NATURE AND SCOPE OF
THIS NEW STUDY. DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE STUDY, WE
MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN CONSIDERING WITH THE U.S. GOVERN-
MENT THE POSSIBILITY OF NOMINATING AN APPROPRIATE CANADIAN
OFFICIAL AS AN OBSERVER TO IT. END TEXT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE RESPONSE TO BE MADE. ENDERS

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